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1. SUMMARY: FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN LYNDEN, ON INSTRUCTIONS OF FONMIN VAN DER STOEL, CALLED IN DCM MARCH 6 TO PROVIDE FURTHER BACKGROUND, CLARIFICATION AND ASSURANCES RE EC-ARAB DIALOGUE. VAN LYNDEN POINTEDLY DESCRIBED THIS MEETING AS PART OF CONTINUING GON-US CONSULTATIONS ON MATTERS OF INTEREST BETWEEN THE US AND THE EC. END SUMMARY.

2. VAN LYNDEN REVIEWED MEETING OF EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS WHICH IMMEDIATELY PRECEDED SECRETARY'S FIRST MEETING WITH SCHEEL IN BONN ON MARCH 3. ACCORDING TO VAN LYNDEN HE AND VAN WELL HAD WORKED CLOSELY
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TOGETHER TO CIRCUMSCRIBE SCOPE OF AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH IT

WAS INTENDED SCHEEL WOULD GIVE TO TWENTY ARAB CAPITALS. THUS CERTAIN WORDING CHANGES WERE MADE IN PARAS 5 AND 6 AS INDICATED REFTEL (B) ALTHOUGH DUTCH-GERMAN COMBO HAD NOT BEEN ENTIRELY SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE OF STRONG FRENCH THRUST IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION. VAN LYNDEN AND VAN WELL, FOR INSTANCE, HAD WANTED TO ELIMINATE PARA 6 ENTIRELY. VAN LYNDEN FELT NEVERTHELESS THAT CONSIDERABLE HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, NOTABLY BY ALTERING SECOND AND THIRD PHASES OF PROPOSED DIALOGUE SO AS TO MAKE THEM DEPEND ON OBTAINING CONCRETE RESULTS FROM FIRST STAGE. VAN LYNDEN DREW AN ANALOGY TO THE COORDINATED EC APPROACH TO THREE PHASES OF CSCE. VAN LYNDEN ALSO FELT THAT AS A RESULT OF DUTCH-GERMAN INSISTENCE A SERIES OF QUOTE HURDLES UNQUOTE HAD BEEN BUILT INTO THE WHOLE PROCESS, WHICH AT THE LEAST WOULD GREATLY DELAY IF NOT PRECLUDE AN EVENTUAL MEETING OF EC AND FOREIGN MINISTERS.

3. AS REGARDS REVISED FIRST PHASE OF DIALOGUE VAN LYNDEN SAID IT WOULD NOW REQUIRE SCHEEL (AS PRESIDENT OF THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS) TO DO A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF BARGAINING WITH HIS ARAB INTERLOCUTERS. DURING THE EC FONMINS' MEETING IN BRUSSELS ON MARCH 4, ACCORDING TO VAN LYNDEN, VAN DER STOEL HAD ARGUED VIGOROUSLY THAT THERE COULD BE NO TRACE OF DISCRIMINATION ALLOWED IN THE PROPOSED DIALOGUE, E.G., THE ARABS WOULD HAVE TO REMOVE THE OIL BOYCOTT AGAINST THE NETHERLANDS FOR THE DIALOGUE TO PROCEED. WHEN PRESSED AS TO WHETHER THE NETHERLANDS' EC PARTNERS HAD ACCEPTED THIS STIPULATION VAN LYNDEN INDICATED THAT SINCE THERE HAD BEEN NO OBJECTION HE ASSUMED SCHEEL WOULD INCORPORATE IT IN HIS MANDATE IN TALKING TO THE ARABS. VAN LYNDEN DID NOT, HOWEVER, SUGGEST THAT A QUOTE NO DISCRIMINATION UNQUOTE CLAUSE HAD BEEN WRITTEN INTO THE AIDE MEMOIRE.

4. VAN LYNDEN AT FIRST PROFESSED TO BE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED AT THE VIGOR OF THE US COMPLAINT RE LACK OF CONSULTATION. HE RECALLED THE INFORMATION WHICH THE GON HAD PASSED TO THE US AT REGULAR INTERVALS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS, PLUS SCHEEL'S MARCH 3 MEETING WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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THE SECRETARY. HOWEVER, AFTER A BRIEF DISCUSSION BASED ON THE MARCH 5 COMMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN, VAN LYNDEN ACKNOWLEDGED THE IMPORTANT DISTINCTION BETWEEN QUOTE PRE-INFORMATION UNQUOTE AND CONSULTATION.

HE MENTIONED THAT SCHEEL HAD WANTED TO INFORM THE SECRETARY OF THE MORNING MEETING OF EC FONMINS BEFORE SCHEEL MET WITH THE PRESS. HOWEVER, THE SECRETARY

HAD BEEN TIED UP BRIEFING THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL, HENCE SCHEEL HAD GONE AHEAD WITH THE PRESS. VAN LYNDEN GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT IN THE LIGHT OF HINDSIGHT THE DUTCH AT LEAST WERE SORRY THAT THE US HAD NOT HEARD PRIVATELY AND FULLY ABOUT THE EC DECISION TO PROCEED WITH THEIR DIALOGUE WITH THE ARABS BEFORE THIS INFORMATION BECAME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE.

5. PREFACING HIS COMMENTS ABOUT THE MARCH 4 POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE EC FONMINS WITH QUOTE IT IS NOT QUITE CLEAR TO US HOW SCHEEL OPERATES UNQUOTE, VAN LYNDEN SAID THAT SCHEEL HAD REPORTED THAT HE HAD EXPLAINED TO THE SECRETARY THE DAY BEFORE THAT THE EC CONTEMPLATED STARTING WITH ONLY THE FIRST PHASE OF THEIR PROPOSED THREE-PHASE DIALOGUE WITH THE ARABS. SCHEEL HAD SAID THAT IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT HAVING GIVEN THESE EXPLANATIONS TO THE SECRETARY HE HAD TAKEN THE QUOTE STING OUT OF THE QUESTION UNQUOTE AND THE US WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE EC PRECEEDING WITH THE FIRST PHASE. ACCORDING TO VAN LYNDEN, SCHEEL HAD ALSO EMPHASIZED TO THE SECRETARY THAT THE DIALOGUE QUOTE WOULD HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH OIL UNQUOTE AND SHOULD NOT IN ANY WAY INTERFERE WITH THE SECRETARY'S EFFORTS TO FACILITATE SEPARATION AND DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES IN THE AREA OR THE WORK OF THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE.

6. WHEN THE DCM INQUIRED ABOUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO THE DUTCH RECOMMENDATION FOR A QUOTE GLOBAL APPROACH UNQUOTE (THE HAGUE 1022) VAN LYNDEN INDICATED THAT THE EC MINISTERS HAD DECIDED NOT TO INCORPORATE IT IN THE AIDE MEMOIRE. ON THE OTHER HAND THEY HAD DECIDED TO CONTINUE THEIR DIRECT CONVERSATION WITH THE ISRAELIS AND AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO INITIATE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE IRANIANS.

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7. COMMENT: WE SUSPECT THAT THE DUTCH ARE NOT AS SURPRISED AS THEY PROFESS TO BE BY OUR QUOTE COMPLAINT UNQUOTE OVER LACK OF CONSULTATION. THE LENGTH TO WHICH VAN LYNDEN, ON INSTRUCTIONS OF VAN DER STOEL, WENT TO BRIEF AND REASSURE THE EMBASSY (INCLUDING SHOWING US SCHEEL'S REPORTING TELEGRAM ON HIS MARCH 4 MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY) INDICATES THAT THE DUTCH ARE GENUINELY CONCERNED BY THIS LATEST FLAREUP IN US-EC RELATIONS. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCE, WHICH THE DUTCH FIND PAINFUL AND HARMFUL TO THEIR OWN NATIONAL INTEREST, THE DUTCH WILL BE UNUSUALLY RECEPTIVE TO ANY BILATERAL SUGGESTION FROM US ON HOW TO HEAL THE BREACH. THIS WOULD NOT GO SO FAR AS CASTING A VETO WITHIN THE EC BUT SHORT OF THAT THE DUTCH, WE BELIEVE, WILL BE PREPARED TO USE THEIR GOOD OFFICES WITH THEIR PARTNERS IN MAKING AMENDS FOR PAST OMISSIONS

AND SITUATING THEIR PROPOSED DIALOGUE WITH THE ARABS IN A
FRAMEWORK CONSISTENT WITH THE FUNDAMENTAL REQUIREMENTS AND
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